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The World of Sport

Old Trafford - dismal and deserted. A deluge late on the second day floods the ground. But next morning, a proud banner tells that a brave Australian stand is still defying England and the weather. Until Hole is caught by Evans, off Bedser. A stand of 173 with Harvey, had retrieved a disastrous start. But Harvey is next to go, amid a great reception for a gallant century. Australia 256 for five.

The wickets tumble. Though de Courcy sends up the "three-hundred".

The pitch is now helping the ~~xxxxxx~~ bowlers, and the end comes when Langley goes at 318. Seven wickets had fallen for ninety-seven runs. But with 318 on the board, Australia are sitting pretty, if the rain-damaged wicket turns spiteful.

England openers - Skipper Len Hutton and newly-promoted Bill Edrich.

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Excitement at Carnoustie, too, as the leaders ~~xx~~ set out on the fourth and Final round in the Open Golf Championship. U.S. Amateur Frank Stranahan drives off.

Dai Rees in play (fighting gallantly for Britain), a single stroke behind the morning leaders, Ben Hogan and Vincenzo of Argentina.

In the same menacing position is Eric Thompson of Australia, the runner-up last year.

Almost the last to set out is Ben Hogan (four times American champion) knowing that he needs a final round of 71 or better - to win the crown.

AND CERDA NEEDS A 70 TO WIN.

~~xxxxxx~~ Frank Stranahan (holing out in one on the 18th green) had finished with a four-round total of 286, his 69 setting up a new course record.

Soon after, both Rees and Thompson joined him with 286 - and three were leading the field.

But playing like a man inspired - "Iceberg" Ben Hogan burned up the ~~xxxxx~~ course - though he took two putts on the 18th.